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Please register my comments against the unnecessary impairment of our food supply by the FDA in allowing irradiated foods to even enter the marketplace, but even more, am I not entitled to Freedom of Choice? Yes, according to our government founders, and that right continues even to the choice of food. IF food that has been contaminated through irradiation appears on my supermarket's shelves, and I have no visible means of determining that, then I don't have a choice, do I????? Enforce PROPER labelling at the least (meaning that the label says PLAINLY "irradiated") and then let the marketplace determine whether it wants to buy this "food."

Isn't it a sign to you people there when European countries don't want our hormone-pumped, pesticide/herbicide infested meats, fruits, and vegetables to enter their marketplace? Is it perhaps that they don't feel it is safe? The same with irradiated foods. You people, without a lab even, are tampering with public safety and health. Other countries see it; why can't you? Why is organic produce the fastest growing segment of the grocery industry? Only when someone in every one of your families gets a disease and your doctor questions the diet as to whether pesticides/chemicals/herbicides have been part of the diet will there be any sense of this issue. At least, if you chose to do that to yourselves and raise the cost of health care thereby, let us who chose health to have a choice of what enters our bodies.

As a citizen, I demand to have freedom of choice in selecting what I put in my mouth. Thank you for your consideration.

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